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March 11, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to grant the E-Rate waiver requested by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Should the FCC not grant the waiver, it will have a detrimental impact on the school district's ability to provide a quality education in rural Northern Michigan.

On February 5, 2010, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District submitted an official appeal waiver request to the FCC. Within this submission, the school district provides a timeline and detailed explanation as to how it inadvertently misinterpreted the FCC rules for E-Rate funding requests. I encourage you to be fair and reasonable in your review of the files submitted by the school district and to recognize that officials were complying with the intent of the rules and can provide documentation to that fact.

Thank you for your attention on this important matter. I await your prompt reply. Please feel free to contact me or Ernesto Falcon of my staff at (202) 225-4735 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BART STUPAK
Member of Congress
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June 11, 2010

The Honorable Bart Stupak
U.S. House of Representatives
2268 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Stupak:

Thank you for your letter regarding Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District (Eastern ISD). Specifically, you urged the Commission to grant Eastern ISD's pending appeal under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism, commonly referred to as the E-rate program. The school district seeks Commission review of a decision by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that denied the district's E-rate application because at the time the district filed its requisite Form 471, USAC determined that it did not have a signed contract or legally binding agreement in place with its service provider.

The Commission received Eastern ISD's appeal and request for waiver on February 12, 2010. The petition is under active review by the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau. I can assure you that the bureau is making every effort to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible. Once a decision has been issued, a copy will be sent directly to Eastern ISD.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Julius Genachowski", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Julius Genachowski